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Lake County

Located in northwestern Montana, Lake County is Montana's ninth most populous with 26,507 residents, according to the 2000 Census.

Polson, the county seat, is the state's 18th largest city with a population of 4,041. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1923 and was one of the last counties to be formed in Montana. The authors add Flathead Lake was the inspiration for Lake County's name and Polson was named for Mission Valley stockman David Polson.

Lake County is home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation. The Flathead Reservation was established by the Hellgate Treaty of 1855. In 1845, Father Pierre Jean DeSmet arrived and helped establish the first permanent mission at St. Ignatius in 1854. Lake County is also home to the Mission Valley and Mission Mountain Range, Flathead Lake, the National Bison Range, Bob Marshall Wilderness and close to Glacier National Park.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Lake County households in 1997 was \$27,169. The county is 1,653.8 square miles in area; 1,493.8 square miles in land area and 159.9 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Polson in January between 1961 and 1990 was 19.6 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 82.0 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 16.67 inches. The growing season was from May 9 to Sept. 27 (last and first frost).

Lake County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90	% Change '80 to '00
Montana	902,195	799,065	786,690	12.9%	1.6%	14.7%
Lake County	26,507	21,041	19,056	26.0%	10.4%	39.1%
Polson	4,041	3,291	2,798	22.8%	17.6%	44.4%
Ronan	1,812	1,547	1,530	17.1%	1.1%	18.4%
St Ignatius	788	778	877	1.3%	-11.3%	-10.1%

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Annual Average Labor Force For Lake County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Unem- ployment Rate
2000	12,674	11,894	780	6.2%
1999	12,465	11,685	780	6.3%
1998	11,319	10,482	837	7.4%
1997	10,953	10,179	774	7.1%
1996	10,673	9,918	755	7.1%
1995	10,295	9,469	826	8.0%
1994	10,355	9,647	708	6.8%
1993	10,153	9,346	807	7.9%
1992	10,206	9,281	925	9.1%
1991	9,655	8,768	887	9.2%
1990	9,650	8,858	792	8.2%
1989	10,873	9,966	907	8.3%
1988	10,497	9,686	811	7.7%
1987	10,258	9,473	785	7.7%
1986	10,140	9,190	950	9.4%
1985	9,932	9,110	822	8.3%
1984	9,055	8,345	710	7.8%
1983	8,824	8,090	734	8.3%
1982	8,848	7,993	855	9.7%
1981	8,274	7,617	657	7.9%
1980	7,947	7,358	589	7.4%
1979	8,135	7,643	492	6.0%
1978	8,022	7,480	542	6.8%
1977	7,549	7,036	513	6.8%
1976	7,059	6,557	502	7.1%
1975	6,577	6,044	533	8.1%
1974	6,854	6,413	441	6.4%
1973	6,751	6,385	366	5.4%
1972	6,361	6,013	348	5.5%
1971	5,491	5,140	351	6.4%
1970	5,144	4,800	344	6.7%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2001 Benchmark)

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	9,075	4,958	4,117
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	1,907	874	1,028
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	729	400	329
Professional Specialty Occupations	1,173	474	699
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	2,033	620	1,413
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	175	96	79
Sales Occupations	756	349	407
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	1,102	175	927
Service Occupations	1,507	433	1,074
Private Household Occupations	53	0	53
Protective Service Occupations	105	88	17
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	1,349	345	1,004
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	1,184	924	260
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	1,218	1,115	103
Mechanics and Repairers	432	414	18
Construction Trade	596	546	50
Extractive Occupations	11	11	0
Precision Production Occupations	179	144	35
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	1,202	986	216
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	372	287	85
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	425	383	42
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	405	316	89
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	29	16	13

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File (CO-ROM)

Resources

⇒ Chambers of Commerce:

Polson Chamber, P. O. Box 667, Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-5969
 Ronan Chamber, P. O. Box 254, Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-8300
 St. Ignatius Chamber, P. O. Box 452, St. Ignatius, MT 59865-0452, 406-745-4884
 Swan Lake Chamber, P. O. Box 5199, Swan Lake, MT 59911, 406-886-2642

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry:

Lake County Job Service Workforce Center

417-B Main, Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-7880, <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/polson/>

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications

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⇒ Housing Costs:

Northwest Montana Association of REALTORS®, 690 N. Meridian, Suite 105, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-752-4197

⇒ Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>.
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⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Polson—7 Third Ave. W., 406-883-3755

⇒ Newspapers:

Char-Koosta News, P. O. Box 98, Pablo, MT 59855-0098, 406-675-3000, <http://www.charkoosta.com>
Lake County Leader, P. O. Box 1090, Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-4343, <http://www.leaderadvertiser.com>

⇒ Public Libraries:

Jocko Valley Public Library, Highway 93 N., Arlee, MT 59821, 406-726-3572
 Polson City Library, 2 First Ave. E., Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-8225
 Ronan City Library, 203 Main St. SW, Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-3682
 St. Ignatius School-Community Library, 4th and Blaine, St. Ignatius, MT 59865, 406-745-3811
 Swan Lake Public Library, Highway 83 South, Swan Lake, MT 59911, 406-886-2086

⇒ Postsecondary Education Institution:

Tribally Controlled Community College

Salish-Kootenai College, P. O. Box 117, Pablo, MT 59855, 406-675-4800, <http://www.skcc.edu>

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Arlee Public Schools, P. O. Box 37, Arlee, MT 59821, 406-726-3216
 Charlo Public Schools, P. O. Box 10, Charlo, MT 59824, 406-644-2207
 Polson Public Schools, 111 Fourth Ave. E., Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-6355
 Ronan Public Schools, Drawer R, Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-3390
 St. Ignatius K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 1540, St. Ignatius, MT 59865, 406-745-4420
 Swan Lake-Salmon Elementary, Box 5086, Swan Lake, MT 59911, 406-886-2374
 Upper West Shore Elementary, P. O. Box 195, Dayton, MT 59914, 406-849-5240
 Valley View Elementary, 7000 Valley View Road, Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-2208

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Lake County Employment By Industry*			
Annual Averages 2000			
Industry	# of Establish- ments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	854	8,480	\$181,340,354
PRIVATE BUSINESS	794	7,138	\$148,979,929
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	27	96	\$1,324,790
Agri Production/Crops	7	30	\$376,798
Agri Services	13	53	\$693,500
MINING	4	26	\$673,683
CONSTRUCTION	131	370	\$7,798,847
General Building	36	102	\$2,142,032
Heavy Construction	7	33	\$922,961
Special Trade	87	234	\$4,733,854
MANUFACTURING	39	1,331	\$32,973,700
Food Products	5	26	\$422,130
Lumber	15	295	\$9,659,921
Printing-Publishing	4	18	\$389,754
TRANS, COMMUN, UTILITIES	45	224	\$7,484,567
Local Transportation	5	16	\$250,272
Trucking-Warehousing	16	32	\$592,747
Transport Services	7	12	\$128,351
Communication	6	53	\$2,174,295
WHOLESALE TRADE	26	115	\$2,339,219
Durable Goods	13	28	\$542,112
Nondurable Goods	11	86	\$1,797,107
RETAIL TRADE	195	1,647	\$23,245,887
Bldg Materials-Garden	11	98	\$1,726,510
Food Stores	17	281	\$4,438,450
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	30	304	\$5,569,105
Furniture Stores	10	63	\$1,685,785
Eating & Drinking	72	586	\$5,358,021
Miscellaneous Retail	46	154	\$2,246,304
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	56	295	\$7,388,015
Banking	8	190	\$4,965,589
Insurance Carriers	3	16	\$561,446
Insurance Agents	11	29	\$592,929
Real Estate	29	53	\$1,136,564
SERVICES	265	3,026	\$65,723,788
Hotels & Lodging	19	158	\$1,778,773
Personal Services	13	17	\$249,301
Business Services	18	291	\$5,426,060
Auto Repair Services	13	32	\$576,215
Miscellaneous Repair Services	11	31	\$536,706
Motion Pictures	6	29	\$270,235
Amusement & Recreation	16	64	\$678,242
Health Services	42	732	\$18,188,533
Legal Services	13	41	\$876,416
Social Services	38	275	\$3,716,134
Engineering Services	27	78	\$1,435,898
Private Households	14	23	\$402,335
NONCLASSIFIABLE	3	4	\$27,433
GOVERNMENT	60	1,341	\$32,360,425
State	13	117	\$3,327,059
Local	16	1,060	\$24,114,090
Federal	31	163	\$4,919,276

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau
 (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)
 *Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Per Capita Personal Income

	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
U.S.	\$28,542	\$27,322	\$25,874	\$24,651	\$23,562	\$22,581	\$21,718	\$21,082	\$20,089	\$19,584	\$10,183	\$4,095
Montana	\$21,997	\$21,307	\$20,173	\$19,183	\$18,764	\$18,129	\$18,072	\$17,114	\$16,509	\$15,524	\$9,143	\$3,625
% of National Average	77%	78%	78%	79%	80%	80%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Lake County	\$17,234	\$16,755	\$16,377	\$15,717	\$15,184	\$15,319	\$15,099	\$14,448	\$13,674	\$13,270	\$6,959	\$2,589
% of National Average	60%	61%	63%	64%	64%	68%	70%	69%	68%	68%	68%	63%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, Released May 2001

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county files periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The **Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry** are updated annually, usually in June. The **Top Employers** are updated annually. **Per Capita Income** statistics are usually released late spring. **Population data for Montana** is released in late December and county data in March. The **Annual Average Labor Force** information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex															
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						Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11		1,663	831	3	1	906	433	11	4	23	7	184	82	122	57
12-14		880	403	5	1	416	218	6	2	12	5	83	42	52	24
15-17		903	446	3	1	478	232	5	3	9	3	72	35	62	36
18-21		700	351	4	0	512	234	11	8	10	4	64	31	44	20
Total		4,146	2,031	15	3	2,312	1,117	33	17	54	19	403	190	280	137
Working & Voting Age		White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
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16+		15,040	7,803	19	6	4,228	2,147	64	47	125	61	607	312	389	199
16-64		11,577	5,974	18	6	3,928	1,970	61	44	113	55	535	276	364	187
18+		14,427	7,492	19	6	3,885	1,986	60	44	118	58	558	287	342	168
18-64		10,964	5,663	18	6	3,585	1,809	57	41	106	52	486	251	317	156
Other Age Group		White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
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0-4		1,049	528	1	1	621	275	8	4	15	6	84	43	90	45
5-17		3,446	1,680	11	3	1,800	883	22	9	44	15	339	159	236	117
18-44		5,655	2,959	12	4	2,514	1,264	44	31	69	33	313	151	226	117
45-64		5,309	2,704	6	2	1,071	545	13	10	37	19	173	100	91	39
65+		3,463	1,829	1	0	300	177	3	3	12	6	72	36	25	12
Total		18,922	9,700	31	10	6,306	3,144	90	57	177	79	981	489	668	330
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data															
Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001															

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County of Residence	# Who Work in Lake County	County of Work	# Who Live in Lake County
Out of State	11	Out of State	101
Flathead County	72	Flathead County	740
Lake County	6,850	Glucler County	13
Missoula County	162	Lake County	6,850
Ravalli County	13	Missoula County	261
Sanders County	50	Sanders County	118
Other Montana Counties	20	Silver Bow County	27
		Yellowstone County	17
		Other Montana Counties	25

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics